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REMARKS

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1. On 16 March 1954, 1 lieutenant, 1 NCO and 21 enlisted men, all wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying three light machine guns and combat targets, besides 1 lieutenant wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and 21 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, most of them with artillery insignia, left the former Pionier Kaserne in Klosterneuburg (Q 49/S 30). The sentry at the main gate of the installation wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, the sentry at the north-western gate black-bordered black epaulets. The artillerymen marched to the former Pionierzeugamt (engineer ordnance office). There they loaded six 76-mm field guns from a storage shed and did maintenance work on same. One senior lieutenant wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, most of them with tank insignia, entered the former Pionierzeugamt, from which fresh imprints of full tracks led to the loading ramp of the railroad station. Eleven trucks, the leaders of 18 motor vehicles and 12 pontoons were observed at the installation. Other

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 driver with red-bordered black epaulets. About 120 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets held a record practice with rifles on the drill ground, where driver with red-bordered black epaulets, was observed.

2. On 12 March 1954, three platoons each numbering about 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the Trost Kaserne in Vienna, which was guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The soldiers marched toward Alxinger Strasse. Truck driver with red-bordered black epaulets, occupied by 12 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying combat targets, left the installation. One lieutenant and 10 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying submachine guns, rifles and combat targets were observed on the drill ground of Trost Kaserne. Three armored cars including number 159 and two SP guns were parked under a newly constructed shed-roof of the repair shop at 109 to 111 Trost Strasse. About 10 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia, and five trucks

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were observed at the garages near the water tower on Wirtten Strasse, which were guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets

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 were observed in the garages on Pernertorfer Gasse.

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3. On 12 March 1954, 2 lieutenant colonels wearing black-bordered red epaulets, 1 lieutenant colonel wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, 1 major wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 1 major wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and 3 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, who boarded the train from Vienna in Tulin (O 49/S 10), were picked up at the Goepfritz (O 49/R 64) railroad station [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] driver with red-bordered black epaulets. No imprints of tracks indicative of loading or unloading activity were observed at this station. Ten soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen handling potatoes in the courtyard of the ration supply depot in the former factory building.

[redacted] driver with red-bordered black epaulets, was parked in the courtyard of this building, [redacted] red-bordered black epaulets, which came from the direction of the troop training grounds, entered the installation. 25X1

4. On 12 March, 2 majors wearing black-bordered black epaulets, 1 major wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and 1 lieutenant colonel wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia were observed in the town of Allentsteig (O 49/R 53). [redacted] driver with red-bordered black epaulets, was parked in front of the Allentsteig komendatura. [redacted] driver with red-bordered black epaulets, was loaded with boards, left the railroad station toward the troop training grounds.³ 25X1 25X1

1. [redacted] Comment. The 46th Gds Mech Regt and the 8th Gds Engr Bn of the 13th Mech Div are stationed at Klosterneuburg. The soldiers of the two units are quartered in the former Pionier Kaserne. The bulk of ordnance and motor transport equipment of the two units is stored in the former Pionierzeugamt. The 76-mm field guns observed at the former Pionierzeugamt belong to the artillery battalion of the 46th Gds Mech Regt. From the imprints of tracks observed at the installation it is again concluded that motor vehicles stored there apparently include the armored vehicles of the 128th Tank Bn, which belongs to the 46th Gds Mech Regt. It is believed that the pontoons observed in the former Pionierzeugamt belong to the 8th Gds Engr Bn. [redacted] 25X1

2. [redacted] Comment. The 44th Gds Mech Regt is quartered at the Trost Kaserne. The garages at the water tower on Windten Strasse, those on Pernerstorfer Strasse, and presumably also the repair shop on Trost Strasse are used by this unit. [redacted] 25X1

3. [redacted] The 344th Gds How Arty Regt of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div is stationed at Allentsteig. It is undetermined which units were at the Doellersheim training camp for record practices or maneuvers.

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